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SUBJECT: GENERAL JILANI MAKES THREE DAY COURT STATEMENT

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1. RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL GHULAM JILANI, NAP MPA IN FRONTIER PROVINCE, MADE THREE DAY STATEMENT TO LAHORE HIGH COURT MARCH 27-29 IN SUPPORT OF HIS BAIL PLEA. HE GAVE COURT DETAILS OF HIS LONG MILITARY CAREER, EMPHASIZING HIS PART IN 1947 KASHMIR WAR, HIS APPOINTMENT AS MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, HIS SUCCESS IN OBTAINING US ARMS, AND CLAIMED CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF US MILITARY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE ALSO TOOK FULL CREDIT FOR PAK- US MILITARY PACT.

2. DURING INTERROGATION, JILANI CONTINUED, POLICE QUESTIONED HIM ON HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS, ACCUSED HIM OF SENDING HIS SON TO U. S. UNIVERSITY TO ACT AS CONTACT WITH USG, AND OF WRITING TO PRESIDENT NIXON. HE SAID HE HAD ONLY WRITTEN CONDOLENCE LETTER WHEN PRESIDENT' S MOTHER DIED AND CONGRATULATIONS ON INAUGURATION DAY.

3. NAP LEADER ALSO CLAIMED POLICE OFFICER SAEED AHMED KHAN
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HAD COME TO HIM AS SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM BHUTTO AND TOLD HIM GOP HAD PROOF JILANI' S HAND WRITING THAT HE HAD CONTACTS WITH CIA, UK, AFGHAN, AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS AND THAT HE WAS PARTY TO IRAQI EMBASSY ARMS CONSPIRACY. SAEED PROMISED HIM THAT IF HE AGREED TO SUPPORT CHARGES AGAINST WALI KHAN AND OTHER NAP LEADERS HE WOULD BE MADE AN AMBASSADOR OR EVEN CHIEF MINISTER OF FRONTIER.

4. JILANI CLAIMED HE INTERROGATED WITHOUT BEING ALLOWED TO SLEEP, CONSTANTLY THREATENED, DENIED NEWSPAPERS, LEGAL COUNSEL, CLEAN CLOTHING, MEDICAL CARE, ETC. HE DENIED ALL CHARGES AGAINST HIM, INCLUDING ALLEGATION HE TRAINING GUERILLAS OR ATTEMPTED TO SNEAK OUT OF COUNTRY. WHEN HE HEARD KHYBER AGENCY POLITICAL AGENT WANTED TO SEE HIM, HE SAID HE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO MEET AGENT AND HIS ARREST FOLLOWED.

5. COURT SET APRIL 10 FOR GOVT REBUTTAL AND ORDERED PRISONER BE GIVEN RADIO, NEWSPAPERS, AND OTHER READING MATERIAL, MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND THAT BE ALLOWED TO SEE RELATIVES AND LAWYERS.

6. COMMENT: OPPOSITION PRESS HAS COVERED JILANI' S CASE FULLY , BUT PRO- GOVERNMENT PAK TIMES HAS VIRTUALLY IGNORED IT. MOST OF OUR MORE SOPHISTICATED CONTACTS DOUBT GOP HAS REAL CASE AGAINST THE GENERAL, AND SEVERAL HAVE RIDICULED GOP CHARGE HE CAUGHT SEEKING TO LEAVE COUNTRY, CLAIMING ANY TRIBAL LEADER LIKE JILANI COULD LEAVE WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT.

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